

Homeland Security

FACT SHEET

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Regional Transit Security Orientation Technical Assistance

Background

The Department of Homeland Security, Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) will make \$135 million available to eligible transit agencies through designated State Administrative Agencies (SAAs) for the protection of critical infrastructure and emergency preparedness activities.

The Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) provides follow-on funding to the FY 2003 and FY 2004 urban area transit security grants, and adds a regional planning element. This regional approach is designed to ensure that funds provided through these programs are consistent with the overall security needs of the transit sector in the region, and are ultimately accounted for in the broader regional planning process that forms the core of the UASI program. The program's mission is to create a sustainable effort for the protection of regional transit systems from terrorism, especially explosives and non-conventional threats that would cause major loss of life and severe disruption.

The TSGP underscores the importance of a regional effort, and requires the establishment of a regional working group and a regional transit security strategy. All SAAs applying for TSGP funding must participate in a Regional Transit Security Working Group (RTSWG). Other mandatory participants in the RTSWG include representation from eligible transit systems and urban area(s) they serve. In the Northeast Corridor and Chicago, a representative from Amtrak must also be included. The inclusion of other transit agencies whose systems intersect with those of the grant recipients is strongly recommended.

To assist SAA's and Transit agencies with implementing this grant, SLGCP is offering a Technical Assistance workshop.

Purpose

To assist the State Administrative Agencies (SAAs) and transit agencies in the region with TSGP, SLGCP is offering this one day Regional Transit Security Orientation workshop. As part of TSGP, the applicable SAA(s) will coordinate and manage

the formation of the working group. The TSGP Orientation TA is designed to support establishing the Regional Transit Security Working Group RTSWG and understanding the requirements of the program. The expected outcome of the orientation TA workshop is defined Regional Transit Security Working Group (RTSWG) and regional actions needed prior to development of the Regional Transit Security Strategy.

Eligibility

Applicable SAAs for eligible transit systems under the Transit Security Grant Program may request workshops through their Preparedness Officer.

Participant Audience

Orientation workshops are intended for personnel from the SAA, transit agencies and the Urban Area who will participate in the Regional Transit Security Working Group.

TA Delivery Concept

The TA instructional and facilitation team consists of staff members who are experienced in the SLGCP grant programs and processes, as well as Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from transit agencies.

Module Descriptions

1. Transit Security Grant Program Overview
 2. Transit Security Grant Program Requirements
 3. National Preparedness Initiatives
 4. Developing the Regional Transit Security Strategy
 5. Administering the Transit Security Grant
 6. Reporting the Transit Security Grant
 7. Implementation of the TSGP
- Appendix - Ferry Systems



Other Technical Assistance

TA is also available to support the development of the Regional Transit Security Strategy and to support the conduct of transit system risk assessments. All TA is available on a first come, first serve basis and subject to the availability of funding. TA request forms are available in the SLGCP TA Catalog at
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/ODP_TA_Catalog.pdf

Cost

The TA workshops will be provided at no cost to the participants. The TA is funded by SLGCP.

For More Information

For more information concerning the Regional Transit Security TA workshops, please contact the CSID by phone at 1-800-368-6498 or by email at askcsd@ojp.usdoj.gov